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SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF PRD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ANTONIO GUZMAN

1. AFTERNOON DAILY EL NACIONAL TODAY PUBLISHED WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PRD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ANTONIO GUZMAN IN REACTION TO REMARKS REPORTEDLY MADE BY PRD SECRETARY GENERAL PENA GOMEZ TO NY TIMES CORRESPONDENT NORDHEIMER OVER WEEKEND AND PROMINENTLY CARRIED IN THIS MORNING'S CARIBE. STATEMENT MADE CLEAR THAT GUZMAN WAS ASSERTING HIS AUTHORITY AS THE SOLE AUTHORITATIVE SPOKESMAN OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT HE WOULD HEAD. IT ALSO APPEARED INTENDED TO EASE APPREHENSION AMONG SOME SECTORS, INCLUDING MILITARY, THAT NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DOMINATED BY PENA GOMEZ AND TAKE THE COUNTRY ON A RADICAL COURSE.

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2. TEXT OF GUZMAN'S STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE IN RELATION TO A SUPPOSED STATEMENT OF DR. JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ TO JOHN NORDHEIMER OF THE NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE, THE 20TH OF MAY, WHICH APPEARED IN THE DAILY EL CARIBE ON MAY 22, I WISH TO CONFIRM THE TERMS OF MY STATEMENT TODAY TO ALL NATIONAL DAILIES: I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT ONLY THE UNDERSIGNED CAN

MAKE STATEMENTS ON THE MEASURES THAT WILL BE TAKEN BY THE NEXT GOVERNMENT OF ALL DOMINICANS. ANY STATEMENT IN THIS SENSE THAT MAY BE MADE BY ANOTHER PERSON SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A PURELY PERSONAL OPINION.

3. I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE NEXT GOVERNMENT OVER WHICH I WILL HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESIDE, WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE BE OF SOCIALIST STRIPE AND THAT ON THE CONTRARY, IT WILL BE A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THE PROCESS OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY, RESPECT FOR PUBLIC LIBERTIES AND THAT IT WILL INITIATE A SERIES OF MEASURES IN THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE GREAT NATIONAL MAJORITIES.

4. I REAFFIRM THAT THERE WILL BE RESPECT FOR FREEDOM OF ENTERPRISE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHT OF ALL DOMINICANS TO SEEK PROGRESS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF FULL LIBERTIES.

5. WITH RESPECT TO RELATIONS OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WITH CUBA, I HAVE ALREADY NOTED TO VARIOUS PRESS ORGANS THAT THEY WILL BE THE SAME AS THE GOVERNMENT OF DR. JOAQUIN BALAGUER HAS MAINTAINED, A SITUATION WHICH IT IS ANTICIPATED CANNOT BE MODIFIED IN A NEAR FUTURE.

6. I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS A DESERVED RECOGNITION TO THE SECTORS OF NATIONAL LIFE, REPRESENTED BY ITS BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, LABOR AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AS WELL AS INDEPENDENT CITIZENS, WHO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT DEMOCRACY BE GUARANTEED AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE NATIONS BE STRENGTHENED THROUGH RESPECT FOR THE MAJORITY WILL OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE, EXPRESSED AT THE URNS THE PAST MAY 16. END QUOTE.

7. ACCORDING TO CARIBE ARTICLE PENA GOMEZ TOLD NORDHEIMER INTER ALIA THAT: PRD WAS GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF WASHINGTON'S STAND AGAINST APPARENT EFFORT OF DOMINICAN MILITARY TO INTERRUPT ELECTIONS; HE HOPED THIS ACTION OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD OPENED A NEW ERA IN CARIBBEAN-US RELATIONS; THE ELECTORAL VICTORY OF HIS PARTY CULMINATED A 15-YEAR STRUGGLE TO RESTORE TO POWER A SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT THROUGH A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS; IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT HESITATED TO SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND A POPULAR LEFTIST MOVEMENT AGAINST FORCES OF REACTION; THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY OPEN RELATIONS WITH CUBA; THE FORM OF SOCIALISM OF HIS PARTY WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THE CUBAN COMMUNIST MODEL AND WOULD REMAIN COMMITTED TO DEMOCRATIC AND FREE INSTITUTIONS; THE ELCTORAL CRISIS HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETELY OVERCOME AND WOULD NOT BE UNTIL THE AUGUST 16 INAUGURATION.
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